

FKP Seminar Series: Discussing Gig Economy Worker Protection, Support for Youth, Local Educational Innovations, and Support for Small and Medium Enterprises



The 2023 Forum Kajian Pembangunan (FKP) brings together researchers, academics, experts, civil society, the international community, and policymakers to meet and discuss four current issues in Indonesia: gig economy workers, quarter-life crisis, regional education innovation, and the potential of small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Thank you to all participants and speakers of the June 2023 FKP seminar series. We hope our discussions are useful and contribute positively to evidence-based policy formulation. See you at the 2024 FKP SMERU seminar series!



Innovation in Protecting Gig Economy Workers

Series 1 - Wednesday, 7 June 2023

The awareness of social protection among gig economy workers needs to be raised. On the other hand, the existing social protection policies have not been able to effectively reach this group of workers. The FKP 2023 Series 1 webinar discussed this problem and the role of innovation and technology in helping gig economy workers access social protection. [Click the image](#) to read the complete summary of the event. Related publication:

[Accelerating Inclusive and Fair Digital Transformation to Anticipate Challenges Facing the Future of Work.](#)



Local Educational Innovations and Support from Non-Governmental Organizations

Series 3 - Wednesday, 21 June 2023

Local governments can create educational innovation in collaboration with non-governmental organizations. The FKP 2023 Series 3 seminar discussed best practices of collaborative innovations between local governments and non-governmental organizations. [Click the image](#) to read the seminar summary. Related publication:

[Giving Schools and Teachers Autonomy in Teacher Professional Development Under a Medium-Capability Education System.](#)



Supporting Youth in Dealing with Quarter-Life Crisis and Maximizing Their Potential

Series 2 - Tuesday, 13 June 2023

Indonesia needs quality youth to realize the vision of "Indonesia Emas 2045". The FKP 2023 Series 2 seminar discussed the support and policies to assist youth in maximizing their potential, including navigating through the quarter-life crisis, one of the toughest phases in their lives. [Click the image](#) to learn about SMERU's recommendations. Related publications:

[Indonesian Youth Development Index 2019.](#)



How to Support the Sustainability of SMEs

Series 4 - Tuesday, 27 June 2023

There has yet any affirmative policies for small and medium enterprises (SMEs). The FKP 2023 Series 4 seminar discussed the current state of SMEs and the challenges micro-enterprises face in "leveling up" to SMEs. [Click the image](#) to learn more about the support SMEs need to survive and be sustainable. Related publication:

[Men- and Women-owned/led MSMEs and the COVID-19 Policy Responses in Indonesia.](#)

Latest Research



Examining Scarring Effects on Firms Caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic

The country's economy has not fully recovered following the COVID-19 pandemic. The effects continue to resonate within business operations and investments, with a potential for enduring implications. What are the enduring consequences of the pandemic on investment demand and human capital within the labor market? SMERU is researching these ramifications and preparing policy suggestions to mitigate future major crises. [Click the image](#) to learn more about the study.

SMERU Activities



Representatives from SMERU, the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, and UNISBA had an audience with the Secretary of the West Java Provincial Government, Dr. Ir. Setiawan Wangsaatmaja, Dipl., S.E., M.Eng., in Bandung, on June 16, 2023. During the meeting, SMERU presented the findings of the Participatory Research on Children's Subjective Well-being in West Java, showed a video of the study, and sought input regarding disseminating the study results.



The Cambodia Development Resource Institute (CDRI), a policy research institute from Cambodia, visited SMERU on June 9, 2023, to extend a partnership and collaborative network invitation as part of the "Thnal Odom Chomnes" research program supported by DFAT. SMERU is one of the three research institutes in Indonesia invited by CDRI to join this partnership. CDRI Director, Dr. Chea Phal, and SMERU Director, Widjajanti Isdijoso, signed a memorandum of understanding to formalize the partnership.



SMERU was one of the FPCI Climate Unit partners in the Indonesia Net-Zero Summit (INZS) 2023, held on June 24, 2023, in Jakarta. INZS is an annual climate conference organized by the Foreign Policy Community of Indonesia (FPCI), which also serves as a platform for multiple stakeholders to discuss and express aspirations related to Indonesia's net-zero emission goals. This initiative aims to strengthen Indonesia's commitment to safeguard the nation's future from the climate crisis.

SMERU Social Media



Damaged road repairs can affect the economic activities of the surrounding community. What are the effects? [Click the image](#) to learn the results of SMERU's longitudinal study that analyzed the impact of the national road improvement program in eastern Indonesia, the Eastern Indonesia National Road Improvement Project, on the socioeconomic conditions of the people living in the area traversed by the road.

SMERU in The Media

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Kompas newspaper featured an article discussing the poverty line standards in Indonesia, which are considered irrelevant to the current context. In the article, SMERU's senior research fellow, Asep Suryahadi, said that the poverty line evaluation needs to take into account the diverse needs of people in each region, including the changing consumption patterns of the population. [Click the image](#) to read the article.



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